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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC: U.N. COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE (COW) - STATEMENT OF THE NONALIGNED FOREIGN
MINISTERS AT BELGRADE

1. IN THE EVENT THAT THIS PORTION OF THE ECONOMIC PART
OF THE BELGRADE COMMUNIQUE OF THE NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN
MINISTERS HAS NOT BEEN BROUGHT TO YOUR ATTENTION, WE
REPRODUCED BELOW PARA 196 (A AND B) OF THE TEXT WHICH
DEALS WITH THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND THE 1980 SPECIAL
SESSION. WE NOTE HEAVY EMPHASIS ON NEGOTIATION OF
AGREEMENTS, BUT ALSO THAT TEXT DOES CALL FOR CONCENTRATION
ON SPECIFIC ISSUES AND HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATION.

196 (A) THE FOREIGN MINISTERS REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE
OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, CONSISTING OF ALL MEMBERS
OF THE UNITED NATIONS ESTABLISHED AT THE THIRTY-SECOND
SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THEY
NOTED WITH GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE FIRST MEETING
OF THIS COMMITTEE HAD YIELDED NO CONCRETE RESULTS ON
SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OWING TO THE LACK OF GENUINE POLITICAL
WILL ON THE PART OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO NEGOTIATE.

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THEY DEPLORED ATTEMPTS MADE BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES
TO RESTRICT THE COMMITTEE TO A MERE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
ON CURRENT QUESTIONS, WITHOUT ANY FORMAL AGREEMENTS BEING
REACHED BY THE COMMITTEE. THE FOREIGN MINISTERS STRESSED
THAT THE PARTICIPANTS WERE CLEARLY REQUIRED TO NEGOTIATE
POLITICAL COMMITMENTS IN ORDER TO FULFIL THE MANDATE OF
THE COMMITTEE. THEY EMPHASIZED THE NEED THE NEED FOR THE

COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC ISSUES ON WHICH TO CONCENTRATE, DEPENDING ON THEIR STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS CALLED UPON ALL COUNTRIES TO DELEGATE HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FORTHCOMING SESSION. IN KEEPING WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF MAKING THE UNTIED NATIONS SYSTEM AN EFFECTIVE FRAMEWORK WITHIN THE DISCUSSIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS ON THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER SHOULD TAKE PLACE, THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ALL COUNTRIES WOULD APPROACH THE DELIBERATIONS IN THE COMMITTEE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER SO AS TO ENSURE POSITIVE RESULTS FROM THIS MEETING.

196 (B) THE FOREIGN MINISTERS CONSIDERED THAT THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO BE HELD IN 1980, TO REVIEW THE RESULTS ACHIEVED IN SETTLING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND ESTABLISHING THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER WILL BE OF EXCEPTIONAL SIGNIFICANCE. THEY WERE THEREFORE OF THE OPINION THAT IT SHOULD BE HELD AT A HIGH POLITICAL LEVEL AND SHOULD BE PRECEDED BY ADEQUATE PREPARATIONS BY THE NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. VANDEN HEUVEL

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